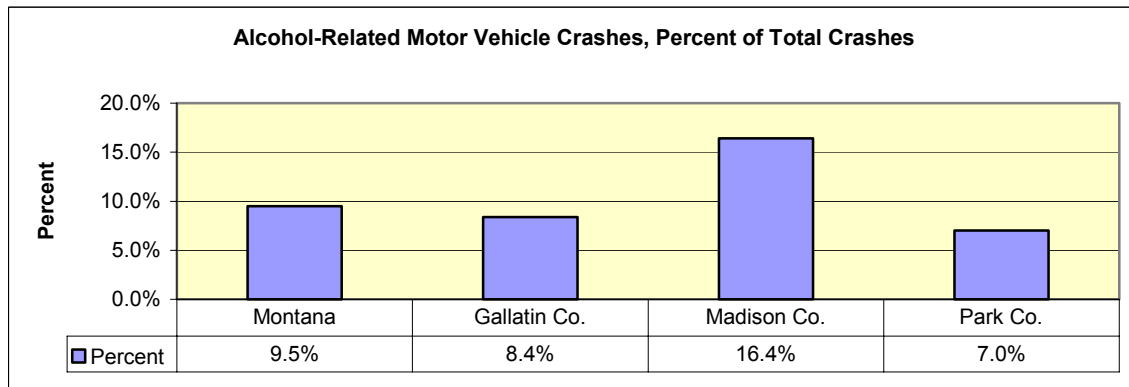


Alcohol and Drugs: Montana ranks #1 in alcohol-related crashes and #4 in alcohol abuse among youth. Alcohol and other drugs are significant risk-factors when measuring the health of individuals and communities, as they have the potential to harm not only the user but others as well. Drug and alcohol use is also a useful indicator of mental health.

Gallatin County shows a slightly lower percentage (8.4%) of alcohol-related crashes compared to the state (9.5%). Also, the county shows a fluctuating trend from 1991 to 2001 for the rate of adults seeking alcohol and drug treatment. Admissions into the Gallatin County Drug and Alcohol Services from 2000 to 2003 reveal a steady number of male and female cases, with males comprising a much larger percentage of the cases.

Motor Vehicle Crashes Involving Alcohol, 1996-2000



Source: County Health Profile (September 2002), DPHHS

Note: Percent reflects reported crashes *within* the county. Crashes may involve non-residents or residents of other counties.